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Washington D.C. 20515

re: indecent political ads FCC-MAIL ROOM

The FCC should be concerned with programs that are indecent and harmful to all children of God. As one nation under God we have an obligation to promote what is good and right, and root out what is sinful.

Abortion violates women and children and is indecent and sinful. Political ads that show the truth about abortions will help people correct the harm being done to children and their families by abortionist. Is it not abortion, not a picture of it that is indecent?

After World War II, people of the civilized world wondered how the German people could have permitted the Nazi atrocities: the concentration camps, the mass murders, the torturing, the unspeakable medical experiments on human beings. But Hitler had been very careful to keep the German people as ignorant as possible about what was happening. His propaganda machinery under Joseph Goebbels, when it touched on these matters at all, convinced the people that the camps were simply relocation or reeducation sites, and the hospitals places of noble experiment. When the allied forces after the war compelled German citizens to walk through Buchenwald, Auschwitz, and the other death camps and to see, to experience what had happened there--to witness, touch, smell the dead, broken, emaciated bodies of the holocaust--they were stunned, horrified, and overcome with revulsion. It has been because of a national policy of concealment, propaganda, and lies that the concentration camps and ghastly experimentation could and did survive and thrive in Germany.

Knowledge and information would destroy abortion. It is through camouflage, fabrications and deception that the abortion industry thrives in America today. Pro-abortionists know this, and, abetted by the media, they use every means to prevent its dissemination. When the film "Silent Scream" broke through the lies and concealment by showing what really happens to the child being aborted in its mother's womb, how it is burned by chemicals and ripped apart limb from limb, and how it reacts, as any human being would, by screaming in agony, the pro-abortionist raised such a vociferous clamor that they succeeded in preventing its being shown on nationwide television. When the DeMoss Foundation began placing its pro-life ads on television, so loudly erupted the anger of the

pro-abortionists that some channels, for examples ESPN and the Weather channel, began following the ad with a disclaimer that the viewpoint of the ad is not necessarily the viewpoint of the channel: now grasp what they are saying--the beauty of life and of children are not necessarily the viewpoint of ESPN and the Weather Channel!

Are we living in the Twilight Zone? Are we, as a nation, sleepwalking? Are we hypnotized? When will we awaken? When will we finally see the evil of the pro-death position? When will we realize it will not stop with child in the womb, but will spread to every area of human life? When will we see the Himmlers and the Mengeles of our day for what they really are?

No one can keep the lid on truth forever. If innocent life is not safeguarded, no other issue has any importance. The right to privacy, to liberty, to a job and a just wage, these and all other rights mean nothing if you don't have the right to life.

To allow Baton Rouge WBRZ Channel 2, or any station to deny a political candidates air time because of a graphic abortion picture, is to deny the truth. All people including children should be shown the truth especially by a candidate for political office.

The FCC should have guidelines to monitor political ads, and it should be based on love and truthfulness.

Thank you for this opportunity to give my opinion.

Please let me know the results of your findings.

Prayerfully,



Ray Whatley Jr., CLU

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Graphic ads cause FCC to rethink rules

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Political candidates in Baton Rouge and elsewhere jolted television viewers with their graphic anti-abortion commercials earlier this year, prompting the Federal Communications Commission to rethink the regulations on political advertising.

The FCC is exploring whether broadcasters have the right to put ads they consider indecent or otherwise harmful to children into time slots when viewership is low.

Federal law currently prohibits broadcasters from censoring political ads or "channeling" them into early-morning slots.

The FCC's review of political-advertising standards stems from Atlanta television station WAGA's decision this year to keep a Republican congressional candidate's 30-minute anti-abortion "infomercial" off the air from 6 a.m. to midnight.

At least 15 other political candidates across the country attempted to air similar anti-abortion advertisements this year, including unsuccessful mayoral candidate Kim Carmouche in Baton Rouge.

WAGA wanted to put candidate Daniel Becker's ad in a "safe harbor" from midnight to 6 a.m., when it would be less likely that children would be watching television. The federal courts ruled in favor of WAGA in October.

The FCC refused to consider whether Becker's commercial was indecent, but the commission decided to seek public comments on the broad issue of regulating political ads.

The FCC is seeking public comments on the issue from Jan. 22 to Feb. 23. Interested parties have been told to send their written comments to the FCC in Washington, D.C.

It's unclear whether the FCC review will affect a complaint that Carmouche filed against local ABC affiliate WBRZ-TV because of the station's refusal to run several of his graphic

anti-abortion ads before the Oct. 3 primary here. Other local TV stations ran the ads.

WBRZ said airing Carmouche's ads would place the station in violation of federal prohibitions on indecent programming.

The station also said Carmouche was not entitled to air his ads on WBRZ because he was not a bona fide candidate for mayor, but simply wanted to gain media access for his anti-abortion campaign.

Carmouche, leader of Operation Rescue Louisiana, which staged demonstrations this summer against a Baton Rouge abortion clinic, said he was denied an equal opportunity under the law to run political ads on WBRZ.

FCC attorney Bobby Baker predicted the complaint against WBRZ won't be resolved until the FCC resolves the broader issue of regulating political ads.

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NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

FCC levies record fine

By KIM I. MILLS

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WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission announced a record \$600,000 fine Friday against the company that employs radio "shock jock" Howard Stern, but decided not to block the corporation's purchase of three more radio stations.

The decision capped weeks of wavering over how to punish Infinity Broadcasting Corp. of New York for Stern's on-air behavior, which the FCC has deemed legally indecent.

The commission voted 5-0 to fine Infinity rather than subject the company to a hearing on whether it should lose its license, according to Maureen Peratino, an FCC spokeswoman.

Commissioner James H. Quello said in a statement that he found the size of the fine was "amply warranted in view of an apparent pattern of indecent broadcasts on this show which Infinity produces — a pattern that extends back to 1987."

Stern, whose show is rated No. 1 in New York and Los Angeles, asks celebrity guests about their sex lives, talks about his own sex fantasies and sometimes invites women to come to his studio and disrobe, then describes it over the air.

The FCC issued a warning to Stern in 1987 to avoid certain sexual innuendos and double entendres.

The FCC defines indecent material as "language that

describes in terms patently offensive as measured by 'contemporary community standards'... sexual or excretory activities or organs."

Separately, the commission voted 4-1 to allow Infinity to purchase three radio stations for \$100 million from Cook Inlet Radio Partners, Peratino said. The Cook Inlet stations are in Boston, Chicago and Atlanta.

In an unusual dissenting opinion, FCC Chairman Alfred Sikes said he voted against allowing sale of the Cook Inlet stations because he was not convinced that the license transfers would serve the public interest.

"Although I have not reached a decision on whether Infinity has the requisite character to hold commission licenses, there are simply too many outstanding questions on this core issue for me to approve the assignment applications without conditions," Sikes wrote.

But he and several of the other commissioners wrote that they did not wish to injure Cook Inlet, a minority-owned company based in Alaska.

"Cook Inlet had nothing to do with today's enforcement action against Infinity," wrote Commissioner Ervin S. Duggan. "To the contrary, Cook Inlet is one of the positive stories in radio — a minority-controlled company that has built a successful group of stations across the country."

In an interview, Quello said Infinity had written the FCC saying that Stern's program would not be broadcast on the three Cook Inlet stations if the sale were allowed.



Associated Press photo

Radio 'shock jock' Howard Stern is shown in a 1992 file photo.

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